

Chapter 173-532 WAC

WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM FOR THE WALLA WALLA RIVER BASIN, WRIA -32

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DISPOSITION OF SECTIONS FORMERLY CODIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER

173-532-085	Prioritizing change and transfer applications. [Statutory Authority: Chapters 43.21A, 43.27A, 90.03, 90.44 and 90.54 RCW. 99-13-093 (Order 9823), § 173-532-085, filed 6/14/99, effective 7/15/99.] Repealed by 01-21-056 (Order 01-06), filed 10/16/01, effective 11/16/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.21A.080.
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WAC 173-532-010 Purpose. This regulation is adopted in accordance with the water resources management regulation, chapter 173-500 WAC, which was promulgated under the authority of the Water Resources Act of 1971, chapter 90.54 RCW. This chapter, including any amendments, applies to all waters that lie within or contribute to the Walla Walla River drainage basin. This chapter sets forth the department's policies to manage the basin's water resources.

[Order DE 77-30, § 173-532-010, filed 12/14/77.]

WAC 173-532-020 Definitions. For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall be used.

(1) "Allocation" means the designating of specific amounts of the water resource for specific beneficial uses.

(2) "Base flow" means a level of stream flow established in accordance with provisions of chapter 90.54 RCW required in perennial streams to preserve wildlife, fish, scenic, aesthetic, and other environmental and navigational values.

(3) "Consumptive use" means use of water whereby there is discernible diminishment of the water source.

(4) "Department" means the Washington state department of ecology.

(5) "Director" means the director of the department of ecology.

(6) "Domestic use" means use of water associated with human health and welfare requirements, including water used for drinking, bathing, sanitary purposes, cooking, laundering, irrigation of not over one-half acre of lawn and garden per dwelling, and other incidental household uses.

(7) "In-house domestic use" means use of water for drinking, cleaning, sanitation, and other uses in a residence, excluding irrigation of lawn and garden.

(8) "Municipal water supply system" means a set of facilities including source, treatment, storage, transmission and distribution facilities whereby water is furnished for commercial and/or industrial uses, and public water supplies with 10 or more connections.

(9) "Nonconsumptive use" means a type of water use where either there is no diversion from a source body, or where there is no discernible diminishment of the source.

(10) "Perennial stream" means a stream with a natural flow which is normally continuous at any given location.

(11) "Public water supply" means any water supply intended or used for human consumption and community uses.

(12) "Water right" means a right to make beneficial use of public waters of the state.

(13) "Zone of direct hydraulic continuity" means that zone of interaction between the surface water stream and the adjacent ground water whereby a pumping well can effectively reduce the flow in the stream to the detriment of surface water users, as determined by the department.

[Order DE 77-30, § 173-532-020, filed 12/14/77.]

WAC 173-532-030 Base flows. The establishment of base flows for surface streams will be deferred until such time as storage project or projects become a reality. At present, all surface streams are totally appropriated during the irrigation season and water is not available for protection of instream values. With the advent of future storage projects, the department may establish base flows which can be included as project benefits and maintained by storage releases.

[Order DE 77-30, § 173-532-030, filed 12/14/77.]

WAC 173-532-040 Streams closed to further consumptive appropriations. The department has determined that no waters

are available for consumptive appropriation through the establishment of water rights for the following streams for the periods indicated:

TABLE II-1 SURFACE WATER CLOSURES*			
STREAM NAME	AFFECTED REACH	EFFECTIVE DATE OF CLOSURE	PERIOD OF CLOSURE
Blue Creek	Mouth to Headwaters	Date of Adoption	June 1 - Oct. 31
Mill Creek	Mouth to State Line	2-6-1957	May 1 - Oct. 1
Walla Walla River	Mouth to State Line	Date of Adoption	May 1 - Nov. 30
Dry Creek	Mouth to Headwaters	Date of Adoption	April 15 - Nov. 15 or whenever Walla Walla at USGS Gage 14.0185 drops below 91.0 cfs.
Touchet River	Mouth to Headwaters	Date of Adoption	June 1 - Oct. 31
Coppei Creek	Mouth to Headwaters	Date of Adoption	April 1 - Nov. 10
Doan Creek	Mouth to Headwaters	Date of Adoption	June 1 - Oct. 1
Mud Creek	Mouth to Headwaters	Date of Adoption	May 1 - Oct. 31 or whenever Walla Walla below confluence with Mud Creek falls below 50 cfs.
Pine Creek	Mouth to Headwaters	Date of Adoption	May 1 - Oct. 31 or whenever Walla Walla River at confluence with Pine Creek or below Touchet River drops below 50 cfs.
Stone Creek	Mouth to Headwaters	Date of Adoption	May 1 - Oct. 31

*Exception for single-domestic and stock water where no other practical source is available.

[Order DE 77-30, § 173-532-040, filed 12/14/77.]

WAC 173-532-050 Protection of surface water rights from new appropriators of ground water. New appropriators of ground water will be required to locate wells outside of the zone of direct hydraulic continuity between the surface water stream and

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the ground water aquifer. The actual limits of the zone of direct hydraulic continuity at a specific location will be determined by the department after an individual ground water application is received. The department will use accepted engineering methods for its determination.

[Order DE 77-30, § 173-532-050, filed 12/14/77.]

WAC 173-532-060 Designation of ground water areas for specific uses. A portion of the ground water resource in the Walla Walla-College Place vicinity is designated for the anticipated growth of the community. Within the following area, ground water in the basalt aquifer is limited to appropriation for municipal water supply systems only, and ground water in the shallow gravel aquifer is limited to uses other than municipal water supply systems:

All the area contained within the following listed sections: Sections 35 and 36, T8N, R35E; sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 34, 35, and 36, T7N, R35E; sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, and all of 13, 14, and 15 lying within Washington state, T6N, R35E; sections 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36, T8N, R36E; all the area within T7N, R36E; all the area within T6N, R36E lying within the state of Washington; section 31, T8N, R37E; sections 6, 7, 18, 19, 30, and 31, T7N, R37E; and sections 6, 7, and all of section 18 lying within Washington state, T6N, R37E.

The provisional designation of water in the basalt aquifer for municipal water supply systems shall be effective for a period from February 1, 1978 to October 1, 1984. After October 1, 1984, all designated waters not appropriated or reserved under chapter 173-590 WAC reservation of water for future public water supply, shall be open for appropriations by other users as determined by the department.

The designation of water in the gravel aquifer for users other than municipal water supply systems shall remain indefinitely until changed by the department.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 90.54.050. 83-02-039 (Order DE 82-46), § 173-532-060, filed 12/30/82; Order DE 77-30, § 173-532-060, filed 12/14/77.]

WAC 173-532-070 Closure of ground water aquifer to further appropriation. When the department determines that annual

ground water withdrawals from the basalt aquifer have reached 125,000 acre-feet, which is approximately 95 percent of the average annual recharge to that aquifer, the aquifer will be closed to further appropriation.

[Order DE 77-30, § 173-532-070, filed 12/14/77.]

WAC 173-532-080 Evaluation of ground water applications.

Each new application for ground water appropriation will be evaluated to minimize interference with existing wells and with adjacent surface water streams. The department will issue permits for ground water withdrawal in those cases where senior surface water and ground water rights will not be adversely affected as determined by the department.

[Order DE 77-30, § 173-532-080, filed 12/14/77.]

WAC 173-532-090 Enforcement. In enforcement of this chapter, the department of ecology may impose such sanctions as are appropriate under authorities vested in it, including but not limited to the issuance of regulatory orders under RCW 43.27A.190 and civil penalties under RCW 90.03.600.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 43.27A, 90.22 and 90.54 RCW. 88-13-037 (Order 88-11), § 173-532-090, filed 6/9/88.]

WAC 173-532-100 Appeals. All final written decisions of the department of ecology pertaining to permits, regulatory orders, and related decisions made pursuant to this chapter shall be subject to review by the pollution control hearings board in accordance with chapter 43.21B RCW.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 43.27A, 90.22 and 90.54 RCW. 88-13-037 (Order 88-11), § 173-532-100, filed 6/9/88.]

WAC 173-532-110 Regulation review. The department of ecology shall initiate a review of the rules established in this chapter whenever new information, changing conditions, or statutory modifications make it necessary to consider revisions.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 43.27A, 90.22 and 90.54 RCW. 88-13-037 (Order 88-11), § 173-532-110, filed 6/9/88.]